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First Inventor	BARRETT et al.
Title	Interrupt Verification Support Mechanism
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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*See 37 CFR 1.27.*
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  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Inventor(s): Geoff BARRETT et al.  
Our Ref: 1875.5100000

Sir:

The following documents are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c) herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
3. U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application entitled:

**Interrupt Verification Support Mechanism**

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the application consisting of:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);

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- b. A specification containing 27 total pages:
  - (i) 22 pages of description prior to any claims;
  - (ii) 4 pages of claims (24 claims); and
  - (iii) a one page abstract;
- c. 4 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-4); and

4. Two (2) return postcards.

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